Arrest of Mr. Bulusu Sambamurti.

*2030 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Sjt. Bulusu Sambamurti of East Godavari attended a meeting at Madras at which certain decisions were arrived at with regard to successful boycott of the Simon Commission;

(b) whether it is a fact that directions for the arrest of Sjt. Sambamurti were sent from Madras and whether the same was done with the hope of avoiding boycott of Simon Commission; and

(c) under whose orders Sjt. Sambamurti was arrested?

A.—(a) The Government have no information.

(b) No.

(c) Deputy Superintendent of Police, Bezwada.

Police arrangements in connexion with the Simon Commission's visit to the City.

*2031 Q.—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any buses were engaged for parading the streets of the City during the visit of the Simon Commission to Madras and if so, how many;

(b) whether any police officers and constables were brought from the mufassal into the City for that occasion and if so, how many, when they were brought into the City and for how many days they were detained;

(c) what is the total cost incurred for the purpose;

(d) whether any police constables and village servants were ordered to watch the railway line when the special train carrying the Simon Commission left Madras and throughout their journey, and whether they were paid any batta for attending to this duty;

(e) whether torches were ordered to be carried by the police and village servants on the occasion;

(f) what is the amount of expenditure incurred for the purpose; and

(g) whether Sir John Simon and his colleagues wanted these arrangements or knew of them or were apprised that all these arrangements had been made during their stay in the City and at the time of their departure?

A.—(a) Yes. The Government have no information as to the number of buses actually engaged.

(b) The Government authorized the Inspector-General of Police to move into Madras if necessary 2 Assistant Superintendents of Police and 300 constables and 36 other ranks and to use two companies of the Malabar Special Police which were in training camp at Pallavaram if their services were required. The Government have no information regarding the precise numbers actually brought into the City or how long they were kept.

(c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (a) of question No. 1975.

(d), (e) & (f) The Government do not think it is in the public interests to publish details of any precautionary measures that were taken.

(g) The Government are not aware what the views of the Commission were and made no communication to them on the subject.

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Mr. A. Parasurama Rao :—"With regard to clauses (d), (e) and (f) of my question the answer of the Government is 'The Government do not think it is in the public interests to publish details of any precautionary measures that were taken.' May I know how the public interests will suffer if the details are given?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"That is a matter of opinion."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"With regard to the same answer may I know what were the dangers against which these precautionary measures were taken?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I refuse to say anything on the matter."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know whether any additional remuneration was given to the village officers for doing this additional work?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have nothing further to add."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—"May I know whether village servants were entertained for this purpose?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I have nothing further to add."

Mr. S. Satyamurti :—"May I know if the Government are aware that Sir John Simon deprecated all these police arrangements?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—"I am not aware of it."

Alleged assault of Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar by the police.

* 2032 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on the 2nd January 1929 a constable of the C.I.D. of Arcot who was shadowing the Congress worker Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar assaulted him in the presence of about 30 people and insisted on his accompanying him to the police station;

(b) whether the Government propose to enquire into the matter; and

(c) if not, why not?

A.—(a) to (c) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

Alleged criminal proceedings against Mr. Jamathagni Nayakar and others.

* 2033 Q.—Mr. C. Venkatarangam Nayudu : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) (i) whether proceedings have been taken before the District Magistrate at Arkonam under section 108, Criminal Procedure Code, against Messrs. K. R. Jamathagni Nayakar, Akkor Anantha Chariar, G. M. Swaminatha Mudaliyar and Walaja Sundara Varadan, and

(ii) whether they have been sentenced to one year's simple imprisonment on failure to furnish security in January 1929;